

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Scott Pujunas on 10/22/08.

3. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for recording call failure information in a node in a data transmission system, the method comprising:

generating, in the data transmission system, a first failure log in response to a failure event, said first failure log including a failure type and a first timestamp;

placing said first failure log in a queue maintained in the node;

formulating an identifier for said first failure log by inputting at least one field from said failure log into a formulation function, wherein said at least one field is selected based on said failure type; and

when no existing record in a log record storage in the node includes said formulated identifier, creating a log record for said first failure log and storing said log record in said log record storage, said log record including said formulated identifier.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

generating, in the data transmission system, a further failure log in response to said failure event, said further failure log including said failure type and a current timestamp;

formulating an identifier for said further failure log by inputting at least one field from said further failure log into said formulation function, wherein said at least one field from said further failure log is selected based on said failure type; and

updating said log record in said log record storage to document said current timestamp.

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